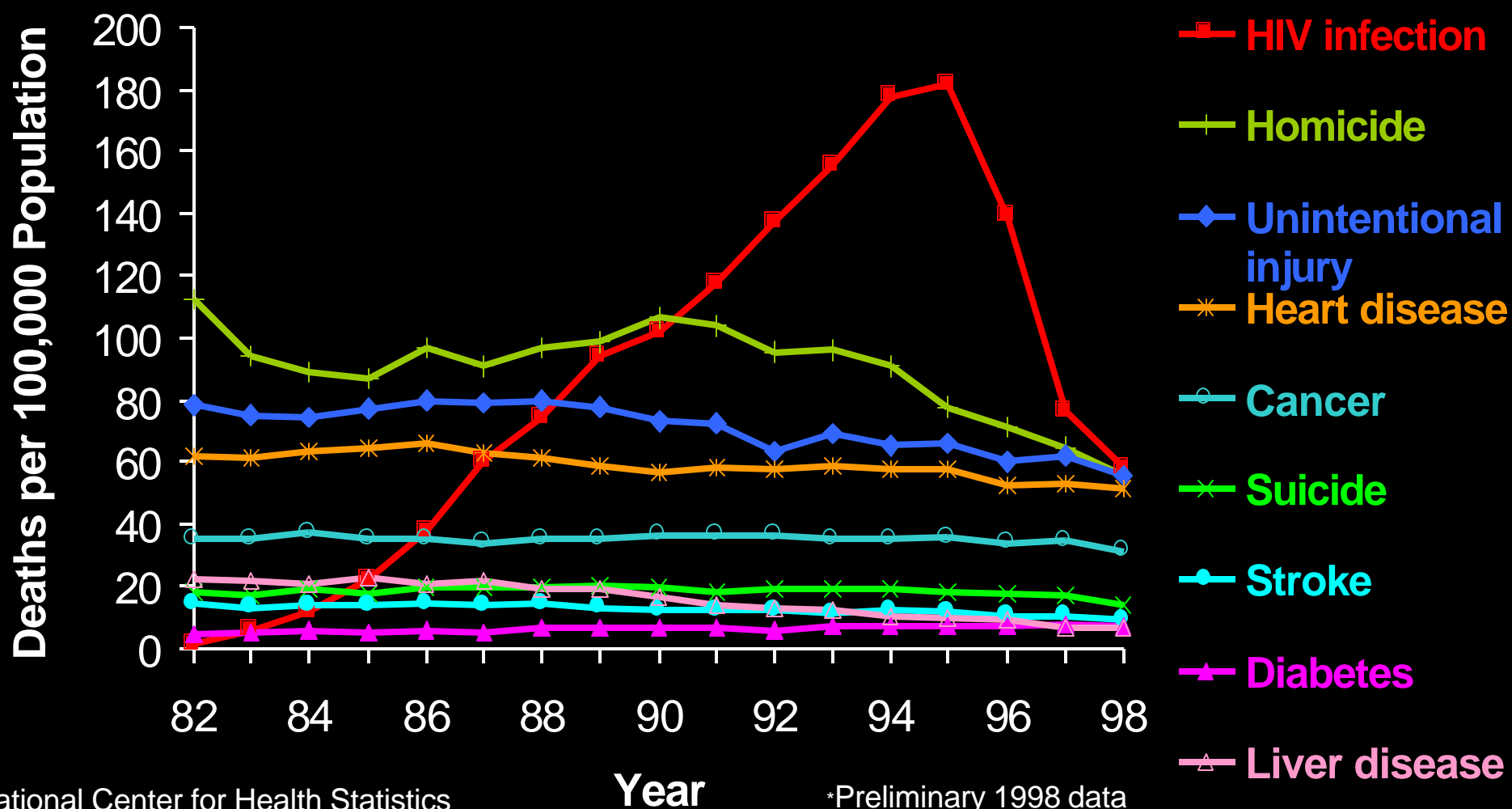


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Among black men 25-44 years old, HIV infection has been the leading cause of death since 1991, when it surpassed homicide in the ranking of causes of death. HIV infection caused almost 9,000 deaths, or 32% of all deaths in this group at its peak in 1995, but only about 3,000 deaths, or 16% of the total, in 1998.